

but a knife, he resolves to go to that part of the rock where he was shipwrecked, to see if he could discover any thing among the wreck that might be serviceable to him; and coming to the place, waded in but could find nothing;

Thus despairing, fretting, and teizing himself, he calls to mind, that he had a hatchet in his hand when he was cast away, and thought probably it might lie in that cleft of the rock into which he was thrown; thither he went, and to his great joy, discovered the handle of it just above the surface of the water.

Having got his tool, he dresses himself, and goes on to the island again, intending to cut down some trees to make himself a hut: Looking about, therefore for the properest plants, and taking notice of a sort of trees, whose branches, bending to the ground, took root, and became a plant, he thought they might be the fittest for this purpose, and cut a sufficient parcel of them to make his barrack, which was full business for him that day.

The next morning he walks out again to look a pleasant and convenient place to make his hut on: He walked several hours, and could find none more sheltered from the cold winds than

than that where he already lay, being in the middle of the island, well fenced with trees, which stood very thick: The place being fixed upon, he cut down some trees that grew in the way, and clears a spot of ground about twelve feet square, leaving one tree standing at each corner, and with the young plants he provided the day before, filled the distance between quite round, setting them about six inches asunder, leaving a vacancy for the door; his enclosure being made, he bends the branches a-top from both sides, and weaves them across one another, making a cover to it; which being something too thin, he laid other branches over, till they were grown thicker: Having finished the top, he goes about closing the sides, for which purpose, taking large branches, he strips them of their small twigs, and weaves them between the plants; then made a door after the same manner: Thus after fifteen days hard labour, he finishes his barrack.

As he was walking one day, he happened to find a sort of high grass, which grows but here and there, round some particular sort of trees, of which he never took notice before; accordingly resolves to cut a sufficient quantity of it to make mats that might